

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

1. To provide inspection and permit requirements not otherwise explained in Article 77 of the Fire Code, which relate to the manufacturing, storage, sale, transportation, or the use of explosives. The specific requirements contained herein pertain to all classes of explosives and smokeless powder, black-sporting powder, and a replica black-sporting powder (trade name – Pyrodex).
2. To include the specific Federal and State requirements which relate to the above.

B. Scope: This regulation shall apply to all persons who are actively engaged in or desire to participate in any of the activities stated in the purpose of this regulation.

C. Author: The Deputy Chief of the Prevention Services Bureau, through the Assistant Fire Chief (Fire Marshal) of the Fire Prevention Division, is responsible for the content, revision, and periodic review of this regulation.

D. Authority

1. The U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 49, 172.504.
2. The Health and Safety Code and the State of California commencing with Section 12000.
3. The California Administrative Code and Title 19 commencing with Section 1550.
4. Los Angeles County Code Title 32.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

A. Station captains shall be responsible for the inspection of the blasting sites. The Petroleum and Chemical Unit shall issue permits to blast.

B. The Petroleum and Chemical Unit personnel of the Fire Prevention Division shall be responsible for the inspection, processing, and issuance of all permits to manufacture, store, sell, transport, or use of explosives or gunpowder.

III. POLICY

- A. Wherever explosives, pyrotechnics, or gunpowder is manufactured, stored, transported, or sold, the minimum safeguards shall be adhered to ensure public safety. This includes security measures for unoccupied storage facilities in the form of alarm or other approved means. The Department shall enforce this regulation whenever such activities are proposed or encountered.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Application for Permit to Receive Explosives – Form 320:
 - 1. Requests shall be forwarded to the Petroleum and Chemical Unit of the Fire Prevention Division at the following address for processing:

County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Petroleum and Chemical unit
5823 Rickenbacker Road
City of Commerce, CA 90040

 - a. A site plan showing the location of the explosives magazines in relation to the property lines and the important buildings shall be submitted with the application.
 - b. The new applications and renewals shall be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.
 - c. For the new applications, a fingerprint card shall be submitted with a check of \$56.00 payable to the California Department of Justice. This fee applies to each set of fingerprint cards that are submitted. Permits will not be issued until clearance from the Department of Justice has been received.
 - 2. First-time permittees must call the Petroleum and Chemical office to receive finger print cards.

B. Blasting

1. The station captains and Patrol fire fighters shall be responsible for the inspection of the blasting sites.
2. A license issued by the Division of Industrial Safety of the State of California shall be obtained to engage in the blasting operations.

C. Transportation

1. A permit is required by this Department for the transportation of explosives.
2. The display of approved signs shall conform to the laws, rules, and regulations of the Department of Transportation.

Required signs shall be displayed on the front, rear and both sides of the transporting vehicle. U.S. CFR 49, 172.504.